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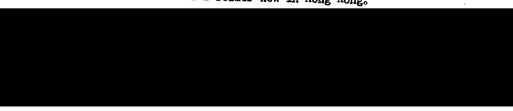
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- The Chinese Communist Government has just released US \$70,000,000 to its purchasing agents for buying ammunition. The funds are chiefly in Switzerland but some are dollar holdings in Hong Kong, Tientsin, and Macao banks.
- 2. Chinese Communist buyers want .45 caliber ammunition, as well as ammunition for carbines, rifles, machine guns, bazookas, and anti-aircraft guns of various calibers.* Prices vary mainly according to speed of delivery. Contracts usually call for delivery in the safe navigable waters off Macao and Whampoa.
- 3. During the second week in May the Chinese Communists purchased 10,000 cases of .45 caliber ammunition from a seller now in Hong Kong.

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